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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE (AID/OTR-G-1568
WITH CARE) --STATUS REPORT

REF: (A) ANKARA 6432, (B) STATE 196559

1. AAO STAFF VISITED ISKENDERUN SEPTEMBER 6TH FOR PURPOSE OF
DETERMINING STATUS OF AID-FUNDED ROOFING MATERIALS CURRENTLY
IN THIS PORT AND AWAITING SHIPMENT TO VAN PROJECT AREA.

2. MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION AND RESETTLEMENT (MRS), WITH
CARE ASSISTANCE, CURRENTLY CLEARING ENTIRE SHIPMENT OF AID-
FUNDED ROOFING MATERIALS AND FINAL PORT AUTHORITY CLEARANCES
EXPECTED MID-SEPTEMBER WHEN QUESTION OF PORT HANDLING CHARGES
RESOLVED. SOME RELATIVELY MINOR DAMAGE TO MATERIALS NOTED
(APPARENTLY DUE TO POOR HANDLING BY ISKENDERUN PORT AUTHORITY)
AND MRS HAS REQUESTED A DAMAGE SURVEY REPORT.

3. AAO DOES NOT BELIEVE DAMAGED MATERIAL WILL AFFECT PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION, BUT WE BEGINNING TO BE CONCERNED ON QUESTION
PORT HANDLING CHARGES. ISKENDERUN PORT AUTHORITY HAS LEVIED
TL 800,000 (OVER \$45,000) AGAINST SHIPMENT AS A HANDLING CHARGE
IN SPITE OF CARGO BEING PREPAID BY AID ALONGSIDE DOCK. BEFORE
RELEASING CARGO THE PORT AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED A BOND
BE POSTED. AS OF SEPTEMBER 9TH THE PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN
RESOLVED, BUT TOP-LEVEL MRS ATTENTION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE
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PROBLEM AND WE EXPECT THE CARGO TO BE CLEARED MOMENTARILY.

4. MRS HAS CONCLUDED ARRANGEMENTS WITH A LOCAL TRUCKING FIRM
TO TRANSPORT THE MATERIALS TO VAN AND TRANSSHIPMENT SHOULD
BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER PORT AUTHORITY FORMALITIES HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED.

5. CARE PROJECT MANAGER, BRIAN WALKER, ARRIVED ANKARA SEPTEMBER 6TH AND IS DEPARTING FOR VAN SEPTEMBER 12TH TO ASSUME DUTIES. CARE HAS IDENTIFIED TEMPORARY OFFICE AND HOUSING FACILITIES IN VAN AND WILL BE READY TO RECEIVE AND UTILIZE ROOFING MATERIALS ON THEIR ARRIVAL.

6. AAO WOULD APPRECIATE DESK CONTACTING SER/MO/OPM TO DETERMINE IF APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 OF AID PROPERTY (HOUSEHOLD AND OFFICE FURNISHINGS, AND EQUIPMENT) CAN BE DECLARED FOREIGN EXCESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING IT TO CARE/MRS IN SUPPORT OF CARE/VAN. AAO CAN IDENTIFY MOST OF AID REPLACEMENT PROPERTY REQUIRED BY CARE, BUT WE PREFER BLANKET AUTHORITY (FOR \$5,000) SO AAO HAS SOME FLEXIBILITY TO RESPOND TO CARE PROJECT REQUIREMENTS AS THEY ARE IDENTIFIED OVER NEXT SIX MONTHS.

7. CARE/VAN EXPECTS TO BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL MID-OCTOBER AND AAO STAFF PLANS ON-SITE VISIT AT THIS TIME. FOLLOWING THIS VISIT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AID/W WITH A GOOD ESTIMATE OF PLANNED CARE/MRS ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 1977 CONSTRUCTION SEASON.

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